

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2020, Legislative Day No. 17

Bill No. 72-20

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Councilmembers Crandell and Bevins

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By the County Council, July 6, 2020

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Zoning Regulations – Solar Facilities

FOR the purpose of clarifying the circumstances under which a certain change in the zoning of a property affects the permitted use of a property as a solar facility; and generally relating to solar facilities.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 4F-102  
Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, as amended

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1           SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations read as follows:

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4                           ARTICLE 4F  
5                           SOLAR FACILITIES

6       § 4F-102. Location of solar facilities.

7           A. Subject to Paragraph B, a solar facility is permitted only by special exception in the  
8 R.C. 2, R.C. 3, R.C. 4, R.C. 5, R.C. 6, R.C. 7, R.C. 8, B.L., B.M., M.R., M.L.R., and M.H. Zones  
9 of the County. A SUBSEQUENT CHANGE IN THE ZONING OF A PROPERTY TO A  
10 ZONING CLASSIFICATION OTHER THAN THOSE STATED IN THIS PARAGRAPH  
11 SHALL NOT PROHIBIT THE USE OF THAT PROPERTY AS A SOLAR FACILITY FOR  
12 ANY ZONING CHANGE THAT IS EFFECTIVE AFTER THE DATE OF THE FILING OF A  
13 PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR A SOLAR FACILITY.

14          B. The allocation of land for solar facilities in the County is limited to the following:

15               1. The maximum area permitted for a single solar facility is the amount of acreage  
16 that produces no more than two megawatts alternating current (AC) of electricity.

17               2. No more than ten solar facilities may be located in a councilmanic district.

18               3. The Director of Permits, Approvals and Inspections shall maintain a record of  
19 all permits issued for a solar facility in the County, including the location and councilmanic district  
20 for each such facility, and shall keep a current accounting of the number of facilities in each  
21 councilmanic district under this paragraph.

22               4. Upon reaching the threshold of ten solar facilities in a councilmanic district, no  
23 additional permits shall be issued for a solar facility in that district unless an existing facility

1 previously approved under this article has been removed pursuant to Section 4F-107.

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3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed by  
4 the affirmative vote of five (5) members of the County Council, shall take effect on August 17,  
5 2020.